

January 4, 1941.

At Holy Communion He permitted me to see the patrons of Sister Mary Catherine's soul. I realized that it was at the moment of her conception that the Eternal Father in a particular way made her His own child and by His own love espoused her to His divine Son. At the same time He made St. Catherine of Sienna the guardian of this espousal that this love would be kept pure for Our Lord as hers had been. He also permitted me to see that at the age of about twelve Our Blessed Mother became in a special manner patroness of her soul, and at the time of her entrance into religion Our Father Founder was given to her as a special patron. Besides her guardian angel her soul has continually been shielded by a seraph.

J. M. J.

Our Lady Acad.,
Manitoba, Ill.
Jan. 12, 1941.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Sr. M. Mediatrix
thought it well that I ^{tell you she} suggests
your going to see Rev. Father
about Sr. Monica but to do
so at such time and in
such wise that you do
not betray the suggestion.

I brought back Sr. Sebastian's
message regarding her prepa-
ration and Sr. M. Ursula's
answer which I shall enclose.
The small crucifix I always
held while writing my thesis
was blessed for this work.
The Sacred Heart appeared
with the four evangelists who

were kneeling in prayer. His hands were open but held close to His Sacred Heart. From His Heart came rays of love and truth which seemed to glow into the evangelists and throw them into the crucifix as though He would impart to it the same spirit that animated them in their writing of the gospel.

Sister M. M. enjoyed the visit of the Holy Family during meditation and this afternoon when we said the prayer to the Holy Family and Rev. Father gave Our Father's blessing He (Our Father) stood beside the statue of the Holy Family and blessed us all.

S. M. M. has no strength but is sustained and cheerful.

I did not tell Sr. M. Ursula that I sent you the message, but I thought you would want to know it before hand. I am not going to Knoxville this week.

Sincerely

S. M. Leathen

Feast of the Holy Family,
January 12, 1941.

It is His desire that So. M. Ursula make a vow of greater perfection, under pain of imperfection, and that she make a preparation of three months in honor of the Blessed Trinity.

By the vow of greater perfection He desires a complete conformity and abandonment to whatever His Providence ordains in the round of daily duties by the circumstances He creates; the loving accomplishment of His holy will moment by moment without any anxiety as to failure or success to the end that a peace and tranquility be maintained in her soul that she may thereby become united to Him praying and offering herself with Him, and in Him and by Him to

the glory of the Eternal Father
that the abiding love of the
Holy Spirit may be given to the
souls of all mankind.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois

January 19, 1941.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria
St. Jude Seminary
Mokena, Illinois

Dear Reverend Father:

I enclose copy of message received from Sister Mary Mediatrix last evening. In the event you wish the joy of reading the original I have it and shall be permitted to keep it until February 2nd.

May I ask you to please unite with me in thanking the Infinitely Holy God for His Goodness toward one who were it not for the All-Merciful Love would find her place among the reprobate. God is so good - there just isn't anything more to say. I can only yield myself to the wondrous work of the Divine Artisan. Please pray for me, - may the wisdom of His Divine Love be yours.

Respectfully,

S. Mary

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

Rev Aloysius Kellauria C.M.F.

Feb 13th. 41

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ.

Many thanks for kind letter and lovely
Badges endowed with so many blessings and inestimable
favours, my sincere thanks and appreciation to You
and dear Sister Mediatrix for your kind thoughtfulness
to me, I distributed the Badges among my Neices and relatives
with directions as You sent me namely the gifts and blessings
attached, as well as asked their prayers for Your intentions

I will dear Father make every effort to be worthy of the
favours or what ever Our dear Lord wants me to do
for Him, I will keep strict silence, for love of Him as well
as many acts of mortification, and self denial as I possibly
can, along with visits to the Chapel, more frequent during Lent
I will also make a Novena in honor of the Passion of our Lord
through Our Lady of Sorrows, for You Your Seminary and for
dear Sister, when ever You see her You may tell her, in
appreciation for all You both ^{have} so kindly done for me
when You write again You may tell me anything You
wish as Your letter is handed to me unopened

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

I know You have very very little time for letter writing when You have so many souls to look after along with the incessant demands of Your Seminary. May God love and bless You and keep You well to do this work, Your name I mention in all my prayers, and Sister too. I wish I was near so I could know her better, You tell me about Yourself. I promise I won't mention it to anyone.

Father I'm trying to keep God's holy presence before me, and every thing I do is for Him. anything that our Lord wants of me I willing do, I only ask His grace and light to follow out His Will. I would give much to talk with You, but since this I cannot do, I will appreciate any advice or direction You give me along those lines in regard to my soul and God.

I will not expect You to write till around Easter time as I well know how very busy You will be, so I will be content to await that time, only one thing I want You to be sure of and that is a share in my prayers every day, as well as an intention for You in all the novenas we make especially to the Sacred Heart for first Fridays, in Holy Hours as well

then too for peace to Europe and our own country, and dear Holy Father.

I am inclosing to Mass Offerings one for my deceased relatives
I include all Yours own. and one for Me and Mrs Miller living
for all their intentions, and Yours and mine, any convenient
time You may have, I mean when You have no urgent
requests, to fulfill.

Please Father remember my niece Frances Lohm that she
may recover soon from an infection in the glands, also
pray for Mrs Allen and two sons, suffering from a severe
exema, this family Mother and 3 sons are exemplary Catholics
I feel for them their Father died but a short time ago, two of the
boys have been pts. here for the past two months, I told Mrs Allen
I would ask You to pray for them

Now dear Father take good care of Yourself, do get the proper
amount of rest so You may be able to carry on Gods work
I read an account of some of the raidings in a suburb
of London by a Rev. Robert S. Crook C.M.F. many Churches around
him have been destroyed, he said he goes to bed with his
Rosary, around his neck, his crucifix in his hand, with a cushion
over his ear, trusting in God for safety, asked prayers for
his protection, he also said it is not bombs, or air planes
they need, but a Legion of Saints, if You have not heard of
this, pray for that poor Father, who is facing death every
moment, I pray for him and all our priests and Sisters in that
awful City. may God give them peace soon

With all good wishes to You and Sister
Greatly Yours in Jesus and Mary
Sister Mildreda

ST. PATRICK ACADEMY
MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

Feb. 14, 1941.

Rev. Father Aloysius,
St. Jude Seminary,
Momence, Illinois.

Rev. dear Father:

Enclosed you will find the copy of the retreat notes which I took of the children's retreat. In justice to Father Croarkin, I feel that I should remind you that these are merely notes and not the full text of Father's sermons. In some cases I have amplified them in re-writing them but they contain the main thoughts and ideas; and in so far as possible, Father's ~~own~~ words. However, to appreciate him fully, one must hear him in person. I have offered the time I spent in rearranging and typing the notes for your intention.

In the little booklet of verse compiled by Father Croarkin, the poems which are listed without an author's name were written by Father himself. Madre Mia - page 54 is especially beautiful.

Gratefully yours in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

+
Ave Cor Mariae Immaculatum.
CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES
ST. JUDE'S SEMINARY
MOMENCE, ILL.

February 18, 1941.

Dear Sister Mary Mediatrix:

Do request from His Divine Majesty for me
the following graces.

The very fullness of the spirit of my Father
Founder Blessed Anthony Mary Claret that I may be his
reflection....

*Your Founder looks upon you
with complacency as his beloved
son because you do reflect his
spirit and he intercedes continuously
for your faultless fidelity.*

That I may be a living copy of the Holy Const-
itutions and Traditions of my Claretian Congregation...

*Granted in accordance with the
above.*

The number and the order of my Patron Saints.

*all at time
of birth* { *Guardian Angel and a Seraph*
Beloved Disciple St. John
St. Joseph
St. Aloysius

*On last feast of our Bl. Mother's Espousals Mary
look you under her protection in a special
manner.*

Sr. Mary Mediatrix

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

J. M. J.

Feb. 19th. 1941

R. w. Aloysius Kallacuria C.M.F.

R. w. Dear Father,

As the holy season of Lent will soon be here, I must get these few lines to You, to thank You for Your good prayers, and many blessings in my behalf.

I want to assure You that I will remember You and all Your intentions, in a special way during the holy season of Lent. and also Your Saintry little Sister. I'm sure You are happy of this great privilege in being chosen to be the director of this Saintry Soul as well as the immense blessings that she will obtain for You in return.

Dear Father when You see her again please ask her to pray for a financial difficulty for this Hospital it is urgent.

Thanking You for Your good prayers and blessings
I am gratefully Yours in J. M. J.
Sister M. Mildreda

J. M. J.

February 27, 1941

Reverend Father Aloysius

Dear Father,

Monday Mother read to us the circular letter of our Reverend Mother Provincial concerning Lent. In the letter our Reverend Mother quoted the article of our Constitutions which speaks of observing the fasts and abstinences prescribed by the Church. The article also states that "Besides the prescribed fasts and abstinences, each sister shall, with the approval of her confessor, perform some private penances and mortifications. . . ."

Father, will you please help me in choosing these

private penance which we are to perform? I know of one thing to suggest, but I will be glad to do whatever you may wish to give me.

I have a small belt which our Mistress of Novices gave me to wear on my day of reparation once a week. This belt is made of wire meshes which have blunt ends pointing inwards.

If you will permit me, Father, I could wear this for whatever number of days or amount of time you think best.

However, Father, if you would rather that I do another penance instead, I will be glad to do it.

In spite of my infidelities and abuse of God's grace, I

feel ever more and more
a desire to want only what
God wants and to love
Him beyond measure. I wish
to be most faithful during
Lent. Please ask God to give
me this grace.

I will continue to
pray for you as best I
can. May God bless and
thank you for your child
in Christ Crucified.

Sister Mary Christine

March 19, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

This is the anniversary day of my reception of a special Badge blessed by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to which He attached the gift of Holy Abandonment that was His during His passion. I have tried to make the day one of ceaseless thanksgiving.

My purpose in writing this meant-to-be short missive is to clearly acquaint you with my present state of soul which I fear I failed to make clear to you when last you were here. Further, I am growing so absent-minded and forgetful that I find it difficult to carry on even an ordinary conversation. I often forget what I am about to say, or even lose the trend of my thought while speaking, so that I often end up by saying I don't remember, and console myself that I am only God's little dumb-bell, and find my content in being just that since He wants it that way.

I feel an ever-increasing need for God and desire for union. My constant appeal to God is for the stripping of self without consulting my preferences or inclinations. Love makes no exceptions and I make none. Yet, with this I feel a dreadful repugnance to this constant self-denial. I have a sense of my utter nothingness and insufficiency and weakness, and this coupled with the repugnance I feel propels me toward God with such a forceful need ~~that~~ that I feel a real anguish. Though grace is above nature, I know, still I have much to fear from my wilful nature. I often kiss my crucifix in these moments asking for increase of love, fidelity and holy abandonment - which gifts were attached to my crucifix about a year ago. These gifts were accepted before with joy, but now they are appreciated. In direct contrast to my shrinking from constant self-denial is my ardent desire for union - and a deeper realization of mystical indwelling of the most Blessed Trinity. Conscious of my weakness, my unceasing appeal is for strength, light and love. I desire with a renewed intensity that God live in me, with me, and through me, as in another humanity without heeding my shrinking from His holy will. My endeavor is to find my joy in giving Him pleasure, in letting Him do with me as He pleaseth. The intensity of this desire and my wilfulness are at war, as it were. In the last few days I have found strength in uniting myself to the Sacred Heart mystically present within me - by imploring Him to draw me into the deepest depths of His adorable loving Heart, and to hide me in the immensity of His love - purifying and inflaming my heart, and then beseeching Him to present me with Himself and all the members of the whole mystical body in the Holy Sacrifice being offered at the moment for the intentions of the Eternal Father. I endeavor to keep united with Christ within me in adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and supplication - in the unceasing immolation of Himself in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In so doing I seem to gain new strength and energy. I am often impelled to remind myself that my life must be a constant self-immolation if I am to be identified with Christ - and that is what I desire. Sometimes, too, I unite myself to Christ manifesting with His love and His holy abandonment my acceptance of the will of the Eternal Father in all that He shall ordain or permit, and with the Sacred Heart I pronounce my "Ecce Venio" to His divine decrees. Again, at times I like to unite myself with Mary in her "Ecce Ancilla Domini". However, at the present time God within me is my strengthening force, and I am depending upon my Adorable Trinity for the strength, light and love necessary to keep on the narrow, straight path. Please pray for me, for as I have tried to clearly show you, I am among God's neediest needy at the present time. I want God! I need God! - And I shall have Him only if I am faithful. Please intercede with the Adorable Trinity for me that I may be so. I shall never rest content until I rest in Him alone, wholly immolated to His greater glory for the salvation of souls.

May the light of His love direct you. I assure you of a remembrance in my poor prayers.

Respectfully,

S. Mary - P.B.

Manteno, Ill.
April 1, 1941

Rev. Father Aloisius
St. Jude Seminary
Mokence, Ill.

Dear Father:

It seemed His good pleasure to ask me last Sunday, to offer myself as a victim for George during the month of April and May. In order to have the blessing of holy obedience, I am writing to ask you if you will permit me to make this offering.

For some unknown reason, George has been in my mind continually for the past week; I have prayed very much for him and I know you

will not forget him in your prayers.

Last Saturday was our day of recollection and I gave the Sisters a conference on holy Obedience as Sister Monica had told me it was His desire.

When Sister Monica told me this I felt a rebellious feeling arise within me and was on the point of telling her that I would choose the subject to speak of and not she. I certainly had no desire to submit to the things she asked me to do and yet I feared that He would not be pleased if I refused to do so.

I also spoke to Sister Mary Caecilia with regard to her meditation and religious exercises and rules but there was not much reaction. This cost me very much too.

I am telling you this so that you may know just how very weak I am - and I see too how full of pride I still am. Please pray for me that I may become humble in His service and ask Him that I never get the idea that the title of Superior means that I am above or better than others. This is the feeling I had when Sister Monica spoke to me about the subject for retreat and I know how wrong it was. I am afraid that He was hurt because I hesitated to obey and I ask you to tell Him for me that I am sorry. Ask Him to give me a generous heart - I can be so selfish with Him. He has been so very, very good to me.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible if it will be alright to offer myself for George? Do you think it is necessary to get permission from Rev. Mother?

I beg a remembrance in your prayers.
Always in His Merciful Heart your grateful,
Sister St Eugene.

Monteno, Ill.
April 23, 1941.

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am writing to ask you if you will please send a word to Sister Mary Mediatrix and ask her to ask the Sacred Heart if He will please bless George's linens for his first Mass. I would like Him to bless his alb, scepter and two cinctures too.

You have given me permission to do this before and I had intended to have Sister Catherine ask her, but Sister will not be going to Beauverville Saturday and so the only way to get word to Frances before George's ordination is thru you. I would like to have his sick call nurse & Pp blessed too.

George will start his retreat Sunday and he is begging for prayers so will you please ask the seminarians to have a remembrance for him? I know it is not necessary to ask you - you have already been more than generous with your prayers.

Whether will it be possible to have a priest say Mass in our chapel tomorrow morning at seven o'clock? If you can will you come yourself? I have some friends for George to be blessed and I would like you to bless them.

Please ask Him to give me a generous heart; at times it is hard for me to recognize His Providence, guiding all things; when I look around and see so many capable souls I wonder why I am where I am.

We are expecting a visit from Rev. Mother; I am glad she is coming & at the same time I dread it. I saw Ther in Beaverville yesterday.

I have another problem to face with Sister Aimee and I ask you to pray for me - I know what it will mean but I must speak. He certainly is giving me every occasion to overcome my weakness in regard to human respect. Grant that I may measure up to His demands.

I ask Him to give you an increase in His Merciful Love for all your kindness to us.
Sister St Eugene

S. M. J.

Holy Family Academy,
Beaverville, Ill.
Apr. 28/41

Very Respectfully,
Marianne, Ill.

Dear Father :-

Enclosed is a
mass stipend for an an-
niversary mass to be said
on May 14th. I would
appreciate if it could be
said on that date as re-
quested by a friend of one
of our Sisters.

I had hope to have a
visit with you while I
was in Marne, but no
doubt the dear Lord had
planned it differently.

I am convinced that
this was providential for
had I talked to you before

seeing Sr. Imelda, the
second time, things would
not have worked so well,
for she would have surmised
that I had told you every-
thing.

I want to thank you
most sincerely for request-
ing Sr. M. Medatrix to ask
the Sacred Heart if there were
any messages which would
prove helpful during my
visit to Marquette.

Now I did pray before
giving Sr. Imelda her
serene but deserving mes-
sage. She resisted grace
for over an hour and
made light of the mes-
sage, but finally grace
conquered and after a
prolonged talk of over
two hours she surrendered
her will, promising she

would give the S. Heart
what He asked of her.
How wonderful is His
Merciful Love! for He
did it all, using me,
his sinful nothingness,
as an unworthy mouthpiece.
I had asked Sr. Imelda
to show you the mes-
sage and tell you every-
thing, which I hope she
did. I sincerely hope and
pray that Sr. Imelda
in her good disposition
and carried out her good
resolution.

Please do not mention
to Sr. Imelda, I wrote
you about her for I
am sure she would
resent it.

May I ask your prayers

for St. Gall. The Sacred Heart
asked for prayers & sufferings
from our holy souls.

Union makes strength,
therefore I am asking
you and your community
to unite in prayers for
that intention; also for
a temporal favor which
concerns the future of
our Province.

Let us be united in prayers
of Thanksgiving for the many
favours received thru His
Merciful Love.

My boundless confidence
knows no limit as it
is placed in the Ocean
of His Divine Love and
Mercy which never fails.
Gratefully & prayerfully
Yours in the Holy Heart of Mary
Sister St. Emily

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Holy Family Academy
Beaumont, Illinois

May 27, 1941

Reverend Father Alaynsus
St. Jude Seminary
Mokenca, Illinois

Dear Father Alaynsus:

If it does not inconvenience
you, we would appreciate your saying Holy
Mass at six o'clock sun time which would
be seven o'clock daylight saving time, on
Reverend Mother's Feast, Friday next, May thirtieth.

Thank you so much.

Please pray in a very special
way for our privileged one; she has been
suffering acutely morally and physically —
and she is so silent!

Holy Family Academy
Beardsville, Illinois

On Mother's Day I promised the Novitiate I would ask you to say Mass for their Mothers. Kindly have a special remembrance for those who are unfaithful to God such as St. John Joseph's and St. Mary Grace's Mother.

With most prayerful good wishes that the Sacred Heart may bestow upon you and your esteemed Congregation His choicest blessings, I am

Most respectfully and gratefully yours in J.M.F.

J. G. Thomas p.s.c.m.

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

J. M. J.

June 11th - 1941

Rev. Aloysius Callacuria C.M.F.

My Dear Rev Father and Brother in Christ

As I have not heard from You in such a long time I thought

I must write a little letter to try to find out if You are real well, and what may be the cause for my Brother's long silence.

So You know that I have never heard from You since a short while after Christmas, Oh that's a long time is it not?

Well dear Father here we ^{are} at the middle of the month of June, I'm about to begin Novena to the Sacred Heart, for His Feast the 20th. You may be sure You and dear Sister Mediatrix, will share with me in this Novena, as You did in my

Rosaries and Benedictions all during the Month of Our Blessed Mother May.

I know how very busy You must be around this time 'of the Year, particularly in Your College work, as well as Retreats, to Religious no doubt You have many try not to over do Your strength, so as to be equal to the strenuous efforts attached to Your arduous work.

I am trying to be all You wish ^{me} to be, and then I feel I fall short of all that I ought to be, but in all humility cry out Oh Heart of Jesus burning furnace of Charity, have mercy on me, are You going to write me that letter You told me about last time You wrote, perhaps it is my own fault, that I have not kept my promises as I should. well Father, do me a favour tell me what I ought to do, and I assure You I'm willing to do it, even tho' it may cause suffering, I am off duty for a few days for a rest, as I was about to break, so I'm getting in some extra prayers of course You are included

I'm sending You some Mass intentions, One for my Nephew John to John whose Anniversary is the 18th June two for Rev. Charles Coughlin for his Silver Jubilee

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Boise, Idaho

will be on June 29th. and one for My Parents and Sister deceased and Father John. when ever convenient; also remember the donors, and I will be grateful to You, we are kept busy here every minute, I'm getting all I can out of those few days rest may I see You would find a few spare minutes to write me a line tell me all about Yourself and little Sister, Your letter wont be opened so You may feel free to tell me anything You so desire, and You may be sure it is equal to telling Your own Sister, that would never be repeated. Are You going to be in Chicago this coming Year, I would like You to remain there, if God so wills as long as Sister lives should You go West do not fail to stop off here, as You can come through Boise by Portland Oregon, to any point in California, the ticket agent will allow You stop over on Your ticket without extra charge, You may be sure I would be very happy to have a visit with You.

Now Dearest write when You have a little time and tell me what to do so I may not fail You in being all that the Sacred Heart wishes me to be.

God love and bless You every moment of Your life, may You grow more like to Christ every day through the love of the most pure Heart of His holy Mother

Thanking You dear Brother for Your good prayers in my behalf, as well as all the kind favours You have bestowed on me

as ever Your devoted Sister in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildreda

One Holy Mass for My Niece Frances John for good health and success in her work
Thank You, also a memento for my Superior Sister Fabian

as ever Sr. Mildreda,

J. M. J.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

June 19/41

Rev. Father Alaynis:- Since I have
not the privilege of returning the
gift you gave me "A. Mass" I am ^{now}
sending you five dollars for a high
for my intentions which are yours.
In this case you must carry out
the intentions of the giver and it is
a gift for your feast day.
I shall write myself to your intention
on that day and shall be at mass in

my hidden abode, the vault in His
Sacred Heart from where I will offer to
His Eternal Father my supplication in
your behalf.

On Friday I shall send to St Patrick Acad,
a parcel containing, part of the life of
our holy soul and a small book "The
Soul of the Apostolate". I regret, the latter
is not bound but it was the only volume
I could secure. - On the 21st you will
have a very special remembrance in the
prayers of the Community & Novices and I
am sure our holy soul will contribute a
generous feast day gift by her prayers in His Love.
Prayerful wishes for your happiness in His Love.
Sr. St. Emily

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho July 4th .41

Rev. Aloysius Macuria C.M.F.

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ

I wrote You a letter in the early part of June
and inclosed Five Dollars for Masses, since I have not heard from
You since, I'm wondering if You received it. as I have heard of mail
been tampered with, perhaps I should have made it a check or Postal
order, I will be grateful to You if You will kindly let me know
if You received it, I hope You feel real well, and not working too hard
it is quiet around here, the city authority forbid fire works in the
city, much to our comfort, I'm feeling better since the few days rest
I keep You and little Sister in my daily prayers.
as ever Your devoted Sister in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildreda

J. M. J.

OUR LADY ACADEMY
Manteno, Illinois
July 13, 1941.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria
St. Jude Seminary
Mokena, Illinois

Dear Reverend Father:

While time permits I want to express to you my gratitude for the manifold graces granted me through your Sacred Ministry, and also to tell you a few things that you in your humility would prevent my saying otherwise than by writing.

I know through Sister Mary Mediatrix that it has been through your direction that I have drawn closer to God. You worked in perfect accord with the Spirit of God, carefully letting Him take the lead in all things, counselling, encouraging and comforting me in my every need and effort. Had I not met this in you together with your kindness, your understanding, and trust, at that difficult period of my life, I fear I should have fallen a hopeless wreck by the wayside. God gave us you at the needed moment, and I shall never cease to thank Him for this His kindness to us. I feel it is through you my soul has waxed strong in Him.

The acceptance of your leaving was the hardest act of Holy Abandonment I have had to make since I made the Vow of Greater Perfection. I said the Gloria Patri repeatedly renewing my abandonment and appeal for strength until after two days I regained my usual composure and realized with shame my lack of generosity and courage. God then removed the ache and renewed my soul in His strength and love. I never had a director until I had you and it was hard "bucking" myself up to a change. But then, I can see naught but His holy will in it all. He gives and takes. I know I must find my delight and happiness in His Will - the sword of immolation that cuts but to heal. We are after all of so little consequence, our understanding and love are so limited while He is Infinity Itself. I will trust Him always please pray for me that I remain faithful even though the shadows close in around me and I be doubted on every side. I am so weak and cowardly. Yes, you are right, I do yield Him as perfect correspondence as possible but I cannot do otherwise, that is one of the wonders of His grace. I cannot refuse Him no matter what His demand. No soul which has received as many graces as He has given me could refuse so kind and loving a Master His least desire. I want not only to please Him always and all things, but to possess Him as my very own. I understand and feel with dread what union with Him means - but I still want God be the cost what it may. He sweetens and strengthens - even carries our burdens if we only cast our cares upon Him - and I know I can count on Him though I have everything to fear from myself.

I feel that I am losing a kind father and that all the security I felt with you as my director have slipped out, too. It was easy to pour out my soul to you (as easy as interior manifestation could be to such as I) and this primarily because of your trust and understanding. I felt you knew what real love is and that you would not ridicule my delight in Him, or love's foolishness. Your knowledge of the Merciful Love made you encourage a union so little deserved. The deeper the abyss from which He lifts us the greater is His power manifest. Oh, the wondrous work of God who can doubt His love and mercy. I cannot believe anything but wilful rejection of grace could blind one so thoroughly as not to recognize these two great attributes of God. I know it is no little sacrifice for you to leave a place rendered so sacred. When I think of you Our Lord's words to St. Theresa relative to a certain soul keep recurring to me: "He serves Me greatly, but I would have him stripped of all, as I was upon the Cross". Yes, that is how I feel and why I continuously offer you as a holy and perfect holocaust with Christ through Mary. The deep love you instilled in me for the Holy Mass, and your many kindly counsels I shall carry with me to my dying day. In a spirit of obedience I shall strive to love God, in, with, and through my Crucified Love daily more and more, until love finds its consummation in eternal communion. I shall strive always to "live the Mass" letting myself be sacrificed by the Hand of God in whatever way and to whatever extent He wishes. Never shall I forget you as you stand at the altar of God, truly Another Christ! I thank you for your promise to pray for me, and especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The privilege of assisting at your Holy Masses will ever be cherished as one of the greatest blessings of my life. May the plenitude of His Infinite love and holiness be yours always, and may you draw many souls to Him. As token of my gratitude my feeble prayers will ever be offered to God for you through Mary.

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

CAMP STAR OF THE SEA
LAKE SPRINGFIELD
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

July 13, 1941.

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.,
St. Jude Seminary,
Mokena, Illinois.

Rev. dear Father:

You have been in my thoughts and my prayers very much since we heard the sad news that you would probably be leaving us before we returned from camp. Our dear Lord is asking a big sacrifice of us in taking you from us - however, we realize that we must bow our heads in submission to His Holy Will and say our "Fiat."

The dear Sacred Heart seems to be blessing our work here at camp. We are overcrowded this year and have been obliged to refuse numerous registrations. Father is happy over the manner in which everything is going - particularly, the beauty of the souls of our little ones. I had the privilege of again this year preparing or helping to prepare a little girl for her First Holy Communion which she made in our little chapel yesterday morning. Last evening we had a reception for one of our former campers who is leaving the 16th to enter the Ursulines in Missouri. We have a group of three little Aspirants from the Franciscan Convent camping here with us. Father has had a special cabin built for them. The girls wear their aspirant's uniforms or habits for Mass in the morning and for Benediction in the evening. They are white dresses with blue veils. Their presence has made a deep impression on many of the girls.

J. M. J.

S Holy Family Academy
Beaserville, Ill
July 30/41

Very Reverend Father Alaynis.
St. Jude Seminary
Marengo, Ill.

Reverend and Dear Father:-

Mother Rose Mary
wrote me asking for her
message.

When Sr. M. Mediatrix gave
me the copy she said:
"Father Alaynis told me to
give you this to read and
he asked me to return
to him" so I returned the

during our retreat.
Since I saw you, I have
heard more talking about
Father Mc Namara, and in
order to protect and safe-
guard Sr. M. M. from the
tangle of gossip, I think
it is best. Father Mc Namara
never come to see Sr. M. M.
~~Please do not mis understand~~
me, I am not finding fault
with Fr. Mc Namara, but
with those who spread stories.
Thanking you for all you
have done for our Sisters
I remain Yours respectfully
in His Merciful Love.

Sister St. Emily.

copy to Sr. M. M. the same day. I was under the impression Sr. sent back the copy to you the same day.

I asked Sr. about it and she said she failed to return the copy to you.

I profited of this occasion to tell her "procrastination" is her pet fault and this often places people in an embarrassing situation.

Further, if you wish me to send these messages, please let me know, as I have a copy of them.

No doubt So M. M. will return
your copy by the priest
who will say mass or
possibly I may enclose
it in this letter in order
to save her time.

To day we began the
novena in preparation
for our second retreat.

May I ask you to join
us in this special novena,
which means so much
to us this year.

Be assured of our most
ferment prayers for you
and your community

J. m. J.

Holy Family Academy
Beaureville, Illinois

August 12, 1941

Reverend Father Aloysius

St. Jude Seminary

Momence, Illinois

Dear Father Aloysius:

It is customary for the
mistress of novices to have Mass said
for those of Ceremony on August fifteenth.
I know it would mean far more to
our dear B. M. mediatrix to have it
said by you. May I ask you to in-
clude her little companion, Miss
Helen, who is to receive the Holy

Habit that day.

Sister L. has been suffering considerably both physically and morally. Apparently the Lord is putting the final touches to the purification of His living Chalice. We count on your prayers.

Awaiting the privilege of having you with us on Sister's memorable day, I am

Most respectfully and gratefully yours in J. H. P.

S. L. Thomas S.S.C.M.

J.M.F.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

August 4, 1941

Dear Father Alayius:

We would greatly appreciate
your saying Mass some time this week
for our good Superior, Mother St. Dominic.

Kindly pray also for S.M.

Mediatrice who has been violently obsessed
by the Evil One over and above severe
physical suffering. She seems somewhat
better to-day although unable as yet to
retain any food.

May we count on your prayers
for our retreat, please.

Most gratefully yours in the Sacred Heart
S. St. Thomas S. S. C. M.

St. Patrick Academy
Mokenca, Illinois

Beaverville, Illinois,
August 13, 1941.

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.,
St. Jude Seminary,
Mokenca, Illinois.

Rev. dear Father:

Mother Rose Mary has kindly permitted me to write this letter to you. I felt that during the peace, calm, and quiet of retreat, it would be easier to tell you my thoughts and feelings, the ardent longings and aspirations of my soul. I usually find it difficult to express myself verbally, especially when under strong emotion.

We are having a very peaceful and quiet retreat. Our retreat master is rather unusual and while he is not the inspiration that many retreat masters have been, he has a manner of emphasizing fundamental truths in a way that strikes home and impresses them upon your mind. I think you would enjoy his constant repetition of the fact that we are too short-sighted in our views of things - that we do not take the long stretch or far-sighted view of things. I feel that I am making a good retreat. I am trying my best to make it so and I feel that our dear Lord will make up for my deficiencies.

All that you said to me last week, Father, has been the subject of my constant thought and meditation during the retreat. I found you ~~most~~ most severe - but rightly so - and I thank God that He permitted you to speak to me the way you did. It seemed to me that the more you spoke, the more severe you became and the more vehement in your denouncement of me. When I left the confessional, I felt as though I had been reduced to the "least common denominator." The more I think of it, the greater the sorrow and the shame I feel for my great pride, selfishness, self-love, self-esteem and human respect. I feel that the Holy Spirit enlightened you and guided you in order to make known to me the sad state of my soul. I am deeply grateful to you, Father, for your kindness and charity. I have made a thorough examination of conscience and I find that all you said is only too true. I have not been fully abandoned to God's holy Will; I have not confided in Him completely;

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
August 20, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

Briefly, here is the report of my annual retreat. -

My love for our Blessed Mother impelled me to take with me the CITY OF GOD - The Conception. I found Part 2, beginning with Chapter 3 - Mary's life in the Temple - to meet my very need in the perfect fulfillment of my vows of religion and greater perfection. I read most of this part through, and it is my plan, if you approve, to take it paragraph by paragraph, using it for my meditation each day, that I may model my life on Mary's, endeavoring to imitate her as perfectly as I can. I have been very niggardly with God and I fell far short in the practice of my vows during these many years and I am determined to amend my past lethargy in the Divine service by love's abandon through obedience and charity, and a more perfect observance of my vows and Holy Rule. I want this to be a holy year - one of love and thanksgiving in union with our Sister Mary Mediatrix. I promised this God many times during retreat and again in a particular way during Holy Mass, August 15th. The words of a hymn to the Sacred Heart which they sang, "Let Thy will my master be" rang constantly through my mind from the beginning of Holy Mass until the Offertory. At the Offertory of Mass while they chanted the Veni Creator I yielded my whole being to His creative action in union with the Sacred Heart to the Eternal Father. It was a real and complete offering of my whole being, and though the tears flowed copiously somehow I didn't mind. Pray God that I may not take back what I have given Him and promised to give Him. I have a plaque of our Lady, - Rosa Mystica - as the Child in the Temple, which I had blessed through Reverend Mother for Childlike simplicity, love's abandon, and greater perfection - and the desire that each time this image of Mary is looked at it may inspire the three gifts mentioned and an ever-increasing love of God through Mary.

Most of my free time outside the retreat exercises was spent in the Sacramental Presence - there were many moments of loving intimacy with Him. I guess the dear good God knows by now I love Him, if He can believe me, I told Him so often enough. While we were chanting the Office, and the opposite side was saying their part I was telling Him between the lines "I love Thee" until I thought that might be wrong and then I didn't do it consciously. It seemed more perfect to follow the Latin since I was praying as a Community, instead of inserting my own chatter. Wasn't that right?

Reverend Mother asked that we make this a year of love by more fervent Communions - preparation and Thanksgiving. To effect this, I am endeavoring to live with God - my Trinity, in an ever-increasing intimacy, and I ask God this with each Holy Communion.

Also during retreat I made a pact with our Blessed Mother and my Guardian Angel. I asked Mary to place me upon each paten with the Host and to offer me with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and all the members of the Mystical Body to the Eternal Father - and to immerse me in the depths of each and every Chalice of the Precious Blood in the Mass throughout the world presenting me thus to the Eternal Father that all things may be fulfilled in me according to the counsel of His will, and for souls. I asked my Guardian Angel to bring me my God in spiritual communion at the Communion of every Holy Mass. I have been very forgetful of my Guardian Angel, but this sacred duty will make up, I hope.

Please pray that I may be faithful in Love's ABANDON through obedience and Charity. I assure you of a daily remembrance in my poor prayers,

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

J. M. J.

Sunday Aug 30th. 41

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

My dear Rev. Brother in Christ


It been such a long time since I last heard from You, that I hope You are not ill, Did You get my letters? Now Dear Father I come to You in my sore distress that You will come to my aid, with Your good prayers to help me out of my difficulty, Im to be sued to the Courts for the injury of a Patients arm that I took specimen of blood from her vein for determining the amount of sugar in her blood stream, she being a diabetic, her claim is I injured her arm, which I know myself I did not, at the time there were Xray pictures taken of the joint of the elbow as well as soft tissue. Xray picture, neither one showed any injury whatsoever, nevertheless she has entered the case in the hands of a Lawyer. Now Dear Father, will You be so kind as to pray that this affair will be settled outside the Law Courts. I willingly accept this cross, only fear going to the Law Courts, so please dear pray and ask Your good little sister to fix it up by settlement so I wont have to suffer the publicity of the affair, not only myself

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but the harm it would inflict on this Hospital, I am
praying to the Sacred Heart, and the Holy Souls for the same
intention, and offer my worry with it to Him who knows all things.
I sincerely hope You keep real well, I pray for You both always.
Kindly do this favour for me, be assured I will be forever
grateful, I will let You know the results.
You may imagine the worry that is mine continually
over this affair.

Thanking You dear Father for Your good prayers in
my behalf, hoping You are well. God and Mary love and
bless You always.

As ever Your Sister in the Sacred Heart
Sister M. Mildreda



St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

J. M. J.

September 11th 1941

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ

Many thanks for Your good letter and good advice as well as Your good prayers in my behalf which are appreciated at all times but never perhaps as much as at present times.

About a week ago the Lawyer came to see Sister Superior, saying he had been to see the people and found them well disposed to make a settlement since their Sister has not heard from them.

I'm hoping and praying that they will do so soon.

to say thank You for all Your kind help to me seem so inadequate, as well as to dear little Sister Mediatrix however dear Father I will try to reciprocate in my small way by my prayers in Your behalf and Your Seminary, and for my little Sister every day of my life Father I will try my best to become worthy of all that the Sacred Heart wishes me to be, and am willing to suffer for love of Him, all I ask is to make it

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personal, that no one may be involved but my own self. Do You dear Father think this to much to ask of Our Lord, I am not afraid of suffering, my self when no one else suffers on my account, as I am sure You will readily understand so do please Father ask the dear Sacred Heart for this favour for me.

I will say the aspiration You asked me to say many times a day, and make as many visits to the Chapel as I can during the day.

Thank You dear Father for Holy Masses, and for the Badages I gave some to my Superior, and one to Miss Hardy who is my helper in the Lab, a very good Catholic girl, I gave her Your Address, to send to her Mother who lives in Montana, she will send You Mass intentions soon, Miss Hardy will send You some Badages, to have Blessed for her family at home. Father find inclosed in this letter a letter for dear Sister Mediatrip, You read ^{it} also, I do not expect her to write to me, whatever she wishes me to do, please Father write it down for her, and then when You write tell me about it, the dear Lord knows how much I would appreciate a half hours visit with

You both, I would relate to You the state of my soul in detail, I have never told any one, so must rely on the Dear Sacred Heart for direction through You so I will await Your advice, and pray and pray with all my Heart for You and Your intentions, and Seminary and little Sister Mediatrix. Your intentions and Sister I placed in Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows for the 15th Sept. I will do the same for Novena to Saint Michael the 29th on that day we are closing the Celebration of the Centenary of Our Order here in the United States, with Solemn High Mass, at the Cathedral here in our City, You may be sure my dear Brother + little Sister Mediatrix, will have a large share in my prayers at that Mass.

Will You still remain in the Seminary this Year, when You write tell me so I may know Your Address, that I can write to You occasionally, Father I have offered this little cross to Our Lord, and am with His Holy help patient about it, Your letter brought me great consolation while I must tell You how unworthy this poor sinner feels when I consider the Honor of the inestimable Gift from Our Lord of being called "His little one", Oh Father it makes me want to ask? what have I done to deserve such an Honor.

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as well as the wonderful privilege the dear little Sister
so graciously bestowed on me as to adopt me as her
Soul friend in life and eternity in His Adorable Heart.
I can show my appreciation only by my prayers for
her, and You dear Father, by living my life in union
~~with~~ with ~~her~~ hers for love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of His Holy Mother.

I have kept her little message You first sent me and
together with this letter I cherish as a miraculous gift
coming directly from such holy hands, I will read them
frequently and make an act of humility as well as meditate
on each sentence, so that by the help of almighty Gods
grace I may merit the signal honor His loving Heart
so beautifully bestows on poor me."

I hope Your health is good, tell me about Your own
self when You write me again, You know I am
interested in Your welfare, anything I can do for
You, do not fail to ask me.

Placing You in Our Lord's own Heart
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
As ever, Your Sister

Sister M Mildreda.

J. M. J.

O. L. A. Manteno, Ill.
September 22, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

As briefly as possible I desire to expose to you the workings of the Holy Spirit within me - that you may be the better enabled to direct and help me to keep under the Divine influence, letting the Divine power within me direct my every movement. It is so easy to fall under the sway of nature and be led by its impulses even while exerting the greatest effort in upward striving. This is, I suppose, what spiritual writers call "human frailty" - permitted by God to impress deeply upon us what we are, and Who God is. As Our Lord put it to St. Catherine "you are she who is not, I am He Who is". When face to face with the hard reality of an existent condition, I often kneel even in the Sacramental Presence feeling myself bereft of faith, trust and love, clinging to God by a mere thread of faith with but a spark of love, while self seems like an intolerable monster about to seize its prey. In these moments I experience real need of love, great love, and beseech Him over and over again to flood my soul with torrents of Divine Love that I may live for Him as I desire in spite of the ego. I have so much to fear from self. Twice I felt myself brinking close to infidelity and called to God like a drowning child uttering over and over the ejaculation: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee". I begin to understand why so few souls attain to sanctity, it takes courage and strength, and I feel so weak and cowardly. Yet impoverished as I feel myself to be I know He wants constant, whole-hearted abandonment, and I must give Him that. He wants the giving of my life-blood, as it were, moment by moment, in union with Him in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Please pray that I may be faithful - and beseech Him to bring His little rebel into complete subjection to Him - to keep me faithful, to be merciful to me a sinner. Each day, each hour, each moment, He is granting me His grace, with each giving my indebtedness is increasing, I must yield Him my all - which is nothing really. Jesus and Mary were so meek, so humble, so little, and I am so proud, so independent, so wilful - (and this is truth), still I want to be like them, meek and humble and kind. I formed the habit of kissing the floor at each station when I make my Stations of the Cross - as an act of humility and petition for this virtue which I so need. My tongue is a wily instrument, which I use, Oh, so poorly. The reason I know is because I am led by human impulse and not by God within me. I have exerted great effort on this point with somewhat disheartening results. Perhaps if you would treat me with severity on this point it might help, I might feel like blasting but none but God will know. I was comforted by a reading in the City of God where our Blessed Mother states: "With creatures it is very difficult to preserve the golden middle, without danger of passing from the correct and necessary to the imperfect. The way to avoid this danger is to tend toward the other extreme striving rather to reflect and be silent." This is what I have been endeavoring to do - my chancing upon it in print only confirms my belief that at present that is what God wants, at least until I become more Christ-centered. Every time I use holy water I make the sign of the Cross and then a little cross on my forehead, lips and heart, begging God: "May the Most Blessed Trinity, Eternal Father, Son and Holy Ghost reign in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." I really believe this little practice is helping me. I desire every fibre of my being to be His, at His command. I belong to Him and am not my own, - and I delight in the thought that some day I will really be all His by Divine union, and not in desire only. When I fail I say with St. Theresa (the strong woman - saint I love and admire) "Lord, behold the fruits of my garden". I am continuing the Storm Novena you asked me to make but differently now. Five Hail Mary's in union with the Five Holy Wounds, one Our Father in honor of St. Joseph for the dying; an Our Father, Hail Mary and Gloria Patri, in union with Christ Crucified for our Holy Father and the needs of Holy Mother Church. At this latter I renew my act of Holy Abandonment, and offer myself anew as a victim for Holy Mother Church. I hesitated to do this at first, but I think I remember you telling me to do that once, am I mistaken. In the fulfillment of my vow of greater perfection the most secure way to follow seems to me - to do what is most disagreeable to nature except where Obedience decides the issue. Right?

I have told you much, I am afraid I cannot express more, but of this I am certain. I will to love God, I will to be faithful, to be all things to all men for God, I want to please Him always, to keep myself constantly in His presence, to do always what pleases Him and not self, I have chosen God as my Master, I want to be directed in all things by the Spirit of God. The more impossible I feel a thing to be the more do I cast myself into His hands relying upon His Divine power to do for me what I cannot do. Eventhough my feelings are not in accord with this belief, I still say: God please do for me what I am powerless to do, Thou canst do it, and I know Thou wilt. Determined effort with the power of the Divinity I know is sufficient, but I still fear my weakness. This you must understand if I have made myself clear. He is letting me feel my miseries - and I am happy because so long as I am sunk in the abyss of human weakness- knowledge of God is greater, and I see myself as I am. In spite of what I feel, He is drawing me closer. This I know by a more ready triumph of grace over nature. I have been struck with wonder at times by the softness of my own voice - when I felt like blasting as it were. In these moments I can only lift up my mind and look at Him: saying with St. John: "It is the Lord". God is good, so very good, I must never refuse Him anything,

In beginning this letter I said something about brevity - are you convinced now I have a womanish tongue? Pardon my taking so much of your time.

Please pray for me and my needs. Some say they never ask for anything for themselves. I feel I must. For to whom shall I go if not to Him and His own. We need to be virtuous, we need to be holy, the frank admission of our weakness and insufficiency, it seems to me must draw down His blessing, and I think it is what He wants of me. In proportion as we draw closer to Him, do our merits for Holy Mother Church increase, this is my strong plea to God and my Immaculate Mother for Divine union. The more He becomes part of me, the more He can do through His feeble child - that is, I think a strong argument in my favor. The delay I attribute to His holy will - the blame to self, self is still too strong. With His help I am bent on reserving for self only hatred and contempt. Pray God to uphold this my resolve with the power of His Divinity, He alone can effect this unnatural course.

I assure you of a daily remembrance in my prayers and works.. May the Divine Wisdom uphold and direct you always.

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

J. M. J.

St. Marys Hospital
Kankakee, Ill
Oct. 7/41

Reverend Father Alapuis,
St. Jude Seminary
Morris, Ill.

Reverend Father:-

I just returned
from Colorado Springs and I
am pleased to tell you Sr. St.
Michael had a very successful
operation. On account of her
asthmatic condition it will
be some time before she
can return to Illinois.

I am enclosing a dollar for
a mass stipend in honor
of St. Jude to obtain the
cure of a very nice lady
I met at the hospital
where Sister Michael is.

She has a great devotion to St. Jude so I promised her to have a mass said for her.

Father, I would appreciate if you could say the mass yourself as soon as possible. Please ask the Fathers and the boys pray for her recovery also. She is a convert and is very charitable. She married a Count in Belgium but when the war broke out they lost all they had and they flew back to the states.

How is everything at St. Jude's? I have kept all your intentions in my prayers and will continue to do so.

With grateful and respectful sentiments, I am
Yours in union with Mary,
Queen of the Holy Rosary.
Sister St. Emily

J. M. J.

Saint Alphonsus Hosp. Boise City

Oct. 31st. '41

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

My Dear Brother in Christ

Inclosed find offering for Mass in honor of the Little Flower for the following intentions (1) in Thanksgiving for safe return trip (2) that Ambrose Hardy will give up the habit of intoxication and come back to the Church, he has not made his duties in 3 Years this man is Miss Hardy's brother, she is very much worried about him Miss Hardy is my assistant here in the Lab. she received word that she must go home, as her Mother is ill on account of this boy's wrong doing. Please Father ask the dear Sacred Heart to free this poor man of this malady ask the dear little Sister to ask Our Lord for this favour, Miss Hardy will do whatever our Lord would wish in return, she is a very good Catholic girl, in the real sense of the word, I will miss her very much, You see Father one more tiny fragment of the Cross, but I willingly accept it from His loving Hands. Today Saturday is Your Holy Cross day for Your intentions and we are having 40 hours devotion, You and dear Sister is with me in all my prayers, and Holy hours,

Very many thanks for all Your prayers + Blessings

Devotedly Yours in Holy Cross

Sister M. Mildreda

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy
Beauville, Ill

Nov. 12/41

Reverend Father Augustus, Rector.
Marengo, Ill.

Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed is one dollar for a mass stipend. for our deceased Mother General. Should it be possible to have the mass on Sat. Nov. 15th = feast of our Lady of Providence.

I had a very pleasant visit at Marengo where I enjoyed the religious atmosphere of silence which denotes a

spirit of recollection on the part
of the Sisters.

With ^{the} help of your fervent
prayers and those of our
holy soul and others, this
unworthy instrument had
many consolations in doing
His work.

Sister St. Philip was well
disposed and promised me
to undertake again the
path of perfection. I know
that with your help and
advice she will succeed.

Master St. Eugene was not
so well but nothing serious,
however, please say a prayer

for her speedy recovery.

Thank God, Sr. Monica is
peaceful and happy in
complying with obedience.
I am praying that this
state may continue.

Again I wish to take this
opportunity to thank you
for your devotedness and
interest in our Sisters.

In return I ask God
to bless you and yours.
Please ask for me that
a spark of His Merciful Love
in flame my heart so I
can draw closer to Him
the souls confided to my care.

Respectfully yours.

Sister St. Emily.

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
November 30, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

Following is my program for Advent which I submit for your approval, as I am desirous of doing all under obedience. A bit tardy, I admit.

Resolved: I will lead an intensely interior life by Silence with the Word Incarnate. Silence of Mind, Tongue and Heart, as expressed in the circular letter of our Reverend Mother for Advent.

However, as I have been endeavoring to inculcate this silence in my daily life heretofore, I shall center my efforts upon this: "Silence every useless, idle thought". I seem to be most wanting on this point. As Our Lord told Benigna "There is a virginity of spirit as well as of body--If one of My spouses dwells on useless thoughts, she is guilty of robbery toward Love which would be an injury to virginity." On this point I am putting forth earnest persistent effort. My failures are numberless, but with each failure I humbly admit my fruitless effort, and I know that when I am sufficiently immersed in my nothingness, He will uplift me. I am making a storm novena in union with the Most Holy Trinity to our Blessed Mother in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The special grace I am asking for is "Virginity of Spirit". Perhaps you will chime in a word of petition for me too, please?

To help foster recollection and the interior life, I am taking for Advent practice "to repress every useless or unnecessary movement". This mortification I offer as my adoration and love of the Incarnate Word, and in praise of Mary, Mother Immaculate.

In chanting the Office I intermittingly unite with the Blessed Trinity in Its complacency and praise of the Incarnate Word and Mary, and union with Mary in adoration and love - and sometimes I unite myself with the whole celestial court. I made a novitiate promise that I would say my Office with the utmost devotion and attention as an act of reparation for those who do not love it or recite it thus. During this Advent I shall endeavor to atone for my negligence on this point.

I desire with increased ardor that God live in me, and by me. And that this may be so, my heart must be emptied of all that is not Him. This is a real task for poor human nature, but as I have yielded myself to the mercy of love, and promised to give Him my little one-fourth - "fidelity and love" then I know I can rely on Him for the other $99\frac{3}{4}$. Our Blessed Mother's counsel to Benigna for Greater Perfection was: "Yield yourself to the mercy of love, talk little with creatures and much with God, and from the heart." In preparation for Christmas I am saying this ejaculation: "Divine Infant King come and be born in my heart and substitute Thyself in my stead". I really desire this - that He substitute Himself for me. The thought has come to me perhaps that is too sublime for one so little advanced, but if it is wrong - you will tell me please.

Wednesday is the 21st anniversary of my First Holy Communion, I am asking God for an increase of Love - a deep, real love for Him, that will give Him full liberty of action always and especially in the hour of supreme sacrifice.

My prayers for a very holy Advent. Please pray for me -His neediest needy child.

Respectfully,

*Sister Mary of the
Precious Blood*

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois

Nov. 27, 1941

Dear Father:

Enclosed you will find
ten dollars which my cousin,
Mr. Kehoe asked me to give you
for Masses. Five are to be said
for the souls in Purgatory and
five are to be said in thanksgiving
for a grace he received.

I was a little disappointed

today; I really thought you would come this week, just before Advent. I planned on submitting my plans for Advent to you but I will just presume that my plans are alright until I see you.

Are you planning on making Father Julien our ordinary confessor instead of extra-ordinary?

I prayed very much for you on Tuesday. He seemed to ask this of me.

Gratefully yours,
Sister St Eugene

Mendoza 2280

Villa Porvenir

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dec. 2, 1941

Dear Father:

With Hearty Greetings for a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

On a holy night long, long ago while angels voices carolled low, there came to earth a new-born King, A King of peace and love, to bring new hope, new faith, new joy to men. Now may His spirit, once again, be with you and most richly bless your heart with Yuletide happiness. May the sweet Babe of Bethlehem fill your heart with delight.

I am really getting home sick, because I have not much work to do. I am saying with Salacian Fathers, because our house is not yet finished, may will be ready by Christmas, but the Church will not be finished by that time; If financial conditions will be good, may will be finished by Easter. I am staying alone here and keeping silence, because I am very slow in learning Spanish language. We have about 10,000 people in ^{our} care, but comes to church only a few, and without Spanish, we not much could do. Most are Spanish, Italian, Polish and Lithuanian, all are very poor. When they see a priest calling him "perro" and troughs a stones. Dear Father tell to Our Lord, who is always with you in Sacramental presence, that I may be more successful in learning that language, and be able to ^{do} at least something ^{for} them.

Yours true friend in Christ,

Rev. B.P. Vitkus

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D^{no}. P. C. Ellacuría.

Mi recordado Padre: Al fin respiro;
pensaba que todos y todo lo de Momence
se había esfumado. Veo que todavía
viven; y gracias a Dios en la paz del
Señor y en perfecta armonía.

He tenido mucho gusto en saber
cosas de ahí; V. R. lo puede suponer. De
Momence tengo y toda mi vida tendré muy
buenos recuerdos; y esto, pase lo que pase.
Y por aquí, bien. Clavado todo el
santo día en mi despacho de Oficina, con

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bastantes bautismos y sobre to-
do muchas confesiones. Todas las
semanas; ya me digamos ahora
para la Inmaculada, con las primeras Co-
muniones, pues el trabajo será abruma-
dor. En tres Misiones distintas tendremos
las primeras Comuniones por motivo que
nuestro Ingles no es suficientemente ca-
paz para el grandioso publico que se reu-
ne para este acto.

Todas las Misiones^{de} los Domingos son
muy concurridas. Tenemos cinco Misiones
y pensamos en añadir otras más a las 10 a.m.

Más tarde se habrá de pensar también
en el modo de atender a los americanos
que asisten.

Mi inglés regular; tengo bastante

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oportunidad de practicarlo.
He estado dando instrucciones
a algunos por varias semanas
a fin de prepararlos para el bautismo
etc, etc. Aquí, sintiéndome rez, lo
hablo con más soltura.

Pongo a Dios para que el clima
no sea mi enemigo. me afecta bastante
a la vista; llevo lentes y además me tu-
vieron que operar de las amígdalas.
Por lo demás he estado muy bien. con-
servo buenos colores y me siento con fuer-
za para trabajar. Nada de dolor de
cabeza, pesadez de piernas etc -

Más tarde Dios dirá...

He leído la carta del Sr. Lemire. me gusta
todo lo que dice. A ver si le escribo
con recuerdos a todos, soy de V.R. ap. 0.0. y lun.
San Juan, P.R.

¿Ente el Sr. Lang en Panamá?

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
December 5, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

Several weeks ago I spoke to you about being a Co-Missionary, at which time I stated I wished to consider the matter further. I had thought to speak to you about this when you were here last, but did not wish to take up more time, and then in this way you can have time to consider, too, before giving your approval or non-approval.

As you said I am already a co-Missionary but as there is no correspondence connected with this it interests me. I think my adopting a missionary will stimulate my zeal. To express myself more fully, I would like to adopt three in honor of the most Blessed Trinity. Is this too daring, I think not. If three can be helped in a special way instead of one then why not? This won't prevent me from having all missionaries and souls in mind. As I have offered and given over to my Immaculate Mother Mary all my merits and good works, I do not wish to offer special days for this end. I will ask her to take care of their needs when and as she sees fit. Do you think that advisable?

Further this is my desire: To adopt one by joining the Co-Missionary Apostolate at Techny. (A missionary in the Chinese missions if any choice is given) As a child I was much attracted to the Chinese Missions - it was my dream to work among them, and now my dream can be realized in a manner I never thought of.

My second missionary I wish to be a Claretian - to be chosen by you as the Holy Spirit may inspire or direct you. In connection with this it is my wish to be unknown.

My third missionary I wish to be a Holy Ghost Father- this I can handle through Reverend Mother or perhaps Father Haeger.

I spoke to Reverend Mother when she was here and she approves of being a Co-Missionary, so you need fear nothing there, except this that we must do nothing that will disable or unfit us for our duties.

I feel very foolish for writing this, and if I followed my inclinations right now this page would be riddled to pieces. Our Blessed Mother told Benigna to watch for the Divine action in all. Since I have written the above with permission, I leave the rest to your decision. I ask only that His holy will be done! Please pray for me.

I wish you to know that the practice you gave me for the recitation of the Angelus is proving very helpful to me.

My prayerful wishes for a holy Advent.

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy

Beaverville, Illinois

December 12, 1941

Dear Father Aloysius:

You will rejoice to hear that the Sacred Heart has made a public appeal in our parish. This is what happened. Our annual Forty Hours were held later than usual, so that the closing day coincided with the First Sunday of Advent. Father based his instructions on the three principal revelations of St. Margaret Mary reproaching the people with their coldness and indifference and finishing with a special appeal for gratitude and reparation and the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes, on Advent Sunday. It was the first public appeal in keeping with the message of the Holy Father last year. Several thought Reverend

charity to pay Mass for the repose of the soul of the Grandfather of one of our little Novices, Mr. Treffe Ponce, who passed away recently.

I count on your prayers, Father, for my own conversion. You have no idea how I am governed, - paralyzed I should say, by a cowardly fear and human respect that bewilders my judgment completely. With the help of God's grace I must conquer this and make of it a Christmas gift for the Desired One cost what it may! I take the liberty to confide this to you since the Sacred Heart had expressed the wish that you care for my soul.

Assuring you of my gratitude for all you have done in the past, I am

Most respectfully yours in J. M. J.

Sister Saint Thomas, S. S. C. M.

Mother, Sr. M. Medeiros or I, or — someone
had specifically coached Father. He had not, —
but the best of "Coaches," the Holy Spirit,
had done so and we rejoiced that the
cause of Merciful Love was being furthered.
Three statements made by the missionary
were identical with phrases in a private
message received by the Pastor some time
ago. ^(the Pastor) He seemed uneasy.

This public appeal was all the more
striking in that it seemed to be a divine
retaliation, if one may so express it, for the
public denunciation made of our privileged
one before the assembled Community in
our Convent Chapel because she pronounced
by divine revelation that a Last found in
church was consecrated. I presume you know
the details of this.

I wish to thank you Father, for having
acknowledged the mass stipend and also
for the leaflet on devotion to the Infant
Jesus of Prague. May I count on your

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Rev Aloysius Ellacuria C. M. F.

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ.

So very many times I'd. give much to talk with You for a half hour, often too the thought come to my mind to make a novena to the Sacred Heart that He might fix it for me to get there. What would You tell me today? About the Lady who was going to bring damages against the Hospital and me, so far she has not done anything more than enter it with her Lawyer the Lawyer for the Hospital went to interview her concerning her plea when he explained the situation to her, he found she was well disposed to settle the matter but asked for time to consider it, so far I've heard nothing more from them. I want to thank You for Your good prayers and kind solicitude for me in my worry, and also dear little Sister Mediatrix I will not forget You both, I give every Friday in Honor of the Sacred Heart to Sister Mediatrix as a Holy Cross day, which mean Holy Communion, Mass, everything I do the entire day, my prayers the meriting my work, silence, aspirations for the that day, Saturday I give to You and for the success of Your Seminary and Your own intentions, as a Holy Cross day, then too I keep You both in Rosary and always ask a special Blessing from Our Lord at Benediction every evening for You both. Father find inclosed a Mass offering in Honor of the Sacred Heart for the souls of the priests nearest to Heaven, which I promised in Thanks giving when ever convenient to You, add also all Your own intentions I hope You are feeling well, take care of Yourself, do tell me about Yourself

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When You write again, tell me what to do to become a better Religious
I keep up the Aspirations You told me about, along with spiritual Communion
and visits, for little mortifications at table I gave up Ice Cream + Cake,
any advice You will give me with regard to my soul, I will appreciate
as I have not asked any one, shall I place my soul in the Sacred Heart
and let Him direct me as He wills, You dear Father ask this favour for me
I assure You I won't refuse Him anything, I often read Your letters over and
over, and then say Oh dear Lord make me good like Father and little Sister,
and wish I were near You, ^{both} I'm sending You by separate package some
Badages to have blessed, because of all the wonderful favours, attached and
the infinite favour by our Lord Himself. I'm saving many of them till the War
is over, then I will send them to my Brother + Sister and Relatives in Ireland.
You will find stamps to cover postage for this kind deed for me I thank
You with all my heart, God love and bless You always.

I do not know when we we will have our Retreat it will be during November
when ever I hear the date I will write to You. I think of dear little Sister
very often, and of her suffering only wish I could be of some assistance to her
when I saw see her, tell her of my deep feeling of appreciation by her in
adopting me as her Soul Sister how I deem it as a great honor, and will
do all I can to merit it, and my gratitude also to You dear Father for all You

have done for me, may I with Gods help prove worthy of those infinite favours and Blessings.

On my way here to my room, I was stopped by one of the Sisters who is assistant Superior, saying Sister that Lady who was about to make trouble for You, is going to withdraw the complaint and drop it. All praise Honor, and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to You dear Brother, and little Sister, for Your good prayers in my behalf. What may I do for You both in return.

Thanking You again dear Father

I am as ever Your devoted Sister in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildreda.

"...She said, 18th May, 1873: 'I have seen before me a dove and above the dove a chalice which overflowed as if there was a source within it; and what overflowed from the chalice bathed the dove and cleansed.' (The dove, no doubt, represented her soul). And a voice came from that admirable light and said: 'If you wish to seek Me, invoke the light of the Holy Ghost, Who enlightened My disciples and enlightens all who invoke Him. I say it you in truth, in truth, in truth; whoever will invoke the Holy Ghost, will thus seek and find Me. His conscience will be delicate like the flower of the fields. If it is a father or mother of a family, peace will reign in that family, and their hearts will be at peace in this world and the next; they will not die in darkness, but in peace. I desire ardently that the priests say monthly a Mass in honour of the Holy Ghost; ~~such a one~~ whoever will say it or hear it will be favoured personally by the Holy Ghost; such a one will have light and peace, He will heal the sick; He will wake up those who sleep....' "

pp.120-121

"In the month of August the Divine appeal was more pressing: 'The moment draws nigh, tell your Superior to begin the prayers; every day a Veni Creator and a Miserere.' " p.121

"A voice has said to me: 'Make that known to your Superior and to the Holy Father; it does not apply to you and I wish you to make it known'

'The world and religious communities seek novelties in their devotions, and neglect the true devotion to the Paraclete. That is the reason of existing error and disunion, and why there is not peace and light. The light is not invoked as it ought to be, and it is the light that makes known the truth. It is neglected even in the Seminaries....

'Persecutions prevail and jealousy exists in religious orders; hence the world is in darkness....

"No one in the world or in communities who invokes the Holy Ghost and is devout to Him will die in error.

'Every priest who preaches this devotion will receive light while he preaches it to others.

'It has been said to me, that in the whole universe it ought to be established, that each priest should say a Mass of the Holy Ghost once a month, and all those who assist there will receive special grace and light....' "

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J.M.J.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

December 24, 1941

Dear Father Alayrino:

He would appreciate so much
your saying Mass for our beloved Sister Mary
Mediatrice during the Christmas octave. Only
the Holy Sacrifice can adequately express our

gratitude for all she has done and merited for us.

I am under the impression of having made a similar request with regard to our dear Mother Provincial. Should I have failed to send the stipend kindly advise me of the fact.

With every good wish for a most heavenly Christmas in union with Mary and her Little One, I am
most gratefully yours in J. M. I.
Sr. St. Thomas S.S.C.M.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois

The Eucharist affords to the supernatural life of the soul protection and healing; but to the body also its effects of grace extend directly as well as indirectly.

Holy Communion by inflaming the heart with ardent love and heavenly aspirations, by averting dangers of salvation and giving protection against temptations, by imparting more abundant grace for energetic resistance against the attacks of the enemy diminishes at least indirectly the empire of sensuality. But we may go still further and assume that the most holy and most pure Body of Christ suppresses and curbs also directly in the body of the worthy communicant the temptations and inclinations to concupiscence. In as much as the miraculous Eucharist Food thus preserves the body chaste and unsullied, it disposes and preserves it for the glorious resurrection. To this must be added another aspect. In Holy Communion we receive Christ's Body and Blood into our heart, that is, we are not merely by faith, charity and grace united spiritually, but also corporally with Christ and in consequence thereof, in a more perfect sense we become members of the one body and one blood with Christ. Since by Christ's Body and Blood the personlaity of the devout communicant is elevated and ennobled, consecrated and sanctified, Christ cherishes, loves and esteems it, this to speak, as His own, for it is in a special manner espoused to and possessed by Him.

Gahr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. p. 733.

See also, Reminiscences of Blessed Anthony Claret, p.238.

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THE SANCTIFYING EFFECTS OF HOLY COMMUNION.

An increase of habitual grace "ex opere operato".
A union at once real and spiritual, a transforming union
and by nature permanent.

1) The union is real. We are ciboriums wherein Christ
lives, where the angels come and adore Him. More, there
exists between Jesus and ourselves a union similar to that
existing between food and him who eats it--with this difference,
however, that it is Jesus who transforms us into Himself.

2) The union is spiritual in character. The soul of Christ
unites with ours.

His imagination and His memory unite themselves to ours
to discipline them and turn them toward God.

His intelligence enlightens our minds so that we see and
value things as God sees them.

His will comes to correct our weakness by communicating
to our wills its own Divine energy.

3) This union is truly transforming.

Our thoughts, our ideas, our convictions and judgments
undergo a change.

The same is true of our desires, our choices.

Our heart frees itself from its more or less conscious
egotism, from natural attachments and affections.

4) This spiritual union can be as lasting as we wish.

His divinity remains with us as long as we are in the state
of grace. The Holy Ghost, dwelling within the human soul of
Christ, remains in us in virtue of the special relationship
we have entered into with Jesus Christ by sacramental com-
munion.

5) Communion brings about a special union with the Three
Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity.

From Tanqueray, The Spiritual Life. p. 143-147

NOVITIATE S. S. C. M.
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Thank you most kindly through
the dear Sacred Heart.

May I ask you to tell Richard
Bartlett that his Sister Lea (Sister M. Clare)
has decided to withdraw and is expected
to leave Sunday at the latest. She is
doing so after having submitted the matter
to her Superiors and Confessor, both of
whom approve of her doing so. She
is better fitted to be a good business
woman and mother.

God willing, I trust your next visit will
not be so brief. I had counted so much on
seeing you last time about our Mommence child.

NOVITIATE S. S. C. M.
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Do you know she is again greatly disturbed? She has in the past been trying to conceal her identity with you. I hope she is not doing so now. Time does not permit my going into details about the matter so I shall entrust it to the Holy Spirit who will, I am certain, enlighten you as to her needs.

Forgive me for having taken so much of your precious time, and thank you, once again for your prayerful and paternal solicitude for us.

Respectfully yours in J. M. I

Peter Saint Thomas S.C.M.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Dear Father:

If it is possible I would appreciate
your saying the Mass for my saintly
Mother Friday. Kindly have an intention
for Sister Mary Mediatrix (anniversary of
her first dismissal) for Sr. Mary Emanuel

who gave her devotion to the Sacred Heart and
who owes her perseverance to St. Mary Mediatrix
and for me — thanksgiving.

May the Sacred Heart reward you
bountifully for all you have done for me.

Gratifully and respectfully yours in J. M. J.

S. St. Thomas
S. A. C. M.